

Declaration in Support of Petition to Grant Filing Date

I, Wendy E. Dial, declare as follows:


I am an employee of the law firm Park, Vaughan & Fleming LLP ("PVF"). I have been employed by PVF as a Paralegal/Administrative Assistant since April 20, 2000. If called upon, I could and would testify to the following facts of my own personal knowledge.

I am the person responsible for filing patent applications at PVF. We have a regular business practice for filing patent applications, which I follow. First, I print out a clean copy of the patent application and figures. I carefully inspect the application to make sure there are no pages or figures missing. I then prepare all additional paperwork to be filed. Once all the paperwork is completed, I give the application to the agent or attorney who wrote the application for a second inspection to check for any other mistakes that may have been overlooked. When the agent or attorney is satisfied that the application is in perfect order, I make copies and package the application for submission to the United States Patent & Trademark Office.

On November 7, 2001, I enclosed U.S. Patent Application No. 10/043,038, including Figures 2 and 3, in an Express Mail envelope and sent the application via Express Mail to the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office, Box Patent Application, Washington, DC 20231.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the above is true and correct.

Executed this 12th day of March 2002, at Davis, California.


Wendy E. Dial